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Los Angeles County is leading the nation in the fight to end child sex trafficking of minors. Children as young as 10 years old are being forced by adults to sell themselves on the streets for money. They are subjected to brutal violence against themselves and their family if they attempt to escape or do not make their quota.

There are two County-supported bills that are currently moving through the Legislature that would further our efforts to end child sex trafficking. Senate Bill (SB) 1322, authored by Senator Holly Mitchell, decriminalizes prostitution charges for minors in the state of California. As we all know: there is no such thing as a child prostitute.

Additionally, Assembly Bill (AB) 1771, authored by Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell, brings more heat on those responsible for buying and selling children for sex. It would increase the penalty for individuals convicted of directing and/or recruiting individuals into the sex trade from six months in county jail and a fine to one year.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the State Legislative Leadership and the Governor to reaffirm the Board's strong support of SB 1322 (Mitchell) and AB 1771 (O'Donnell).

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